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DOLE SAYS "HANG TOUGH, PAULA!"

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) told hospitalized Senator Paula Hawkins (R-FL) to "hang tough" in her battle against chronic back pain.

Dole sent his words of encouragement by telegram this morning to the Senator at Duke University Hospital:

PAULA:

HANG TOUGH! YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE PULLING FOR YOU. WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THE PHYSICIAN'S PROGNOSIS AND WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY. THERE'S AN OLD SAYING THAT SURE APPLIES TO YOU: "WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET GOING". HAVING WATCHED YOU IN ACTION FOR SIX YEARS, WE'VE LEARNED FIRSTHAND THAT YOU'RE A FIGHTER WHO ALWAYS KNOWS WHEN TO GET GOING.

AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, I SEND BEST REGARDS FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN THE SENATE.

BOB DOLE

"Paula has never allowed adversity to get the best of her. And I know she will tackle her re-election bid with all the energy and spirit she exhibits in fulfilling her Senate duties," Dole said.

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